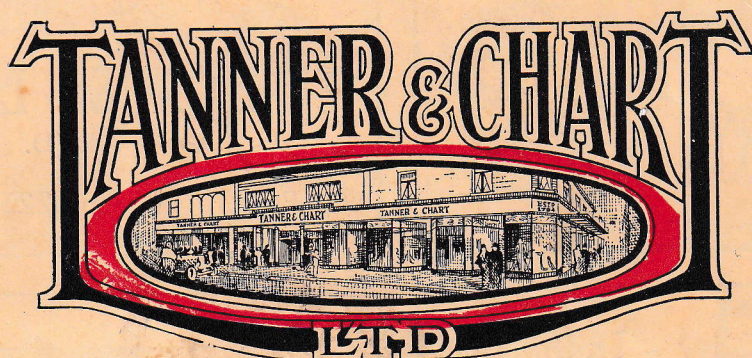


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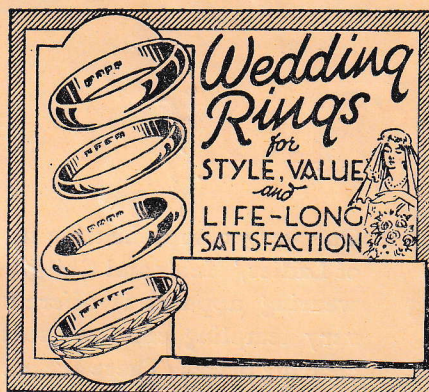
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THE HORSHAM RURAL COUNCIL NEW OFFICES.

Under a drizzling cold rain on Wednesday, December 8th, the new £9,000 offices in North Street of the Horsham Rural District Council were officially opened by Mr. S. D. Secretan, J.P., the Council's Chairman. The rain somewhat damped the initial dignity of the proceedings, when the front door was unlocked with a golden key, but once inside spirits revived, and the 200 people who attended found much to interest them. Mr. Secretan, in his welcoming speech, gave an interesting outline of how the work of rural councils had increased since they were formed in 1894, and after other members had spoken, those present were entertained to tea by Mr. Secretan.

THE HORSHAM ART CLUB.

Horsham has its Art School. Now it has its Art Club. A movement recently set on foot has resulted in the formation of the Horsham Art Club, which has been started by local artists to stimulate interest in Fine Arts and Crafts. Membership is open to those interested, and monthly meetings held at the Art School, Hurst Road. Mr. Vincent Lines, R.C.A., and Mr. C. F. Taylor have been elected joint Hon. Treasurer and Secretary, and a strong Committee formed, but the full number of officers has not yet been made up.

The first meeting of the Club was held on December 9th, at which a practical demonstration of lithography was given by Mr. Vincent Lines, and a large number of lithographs, lent by well-known artists, decorated the walls. Examples of work by members were also shown, and afterwards discussed and criticised. Work by other members in the "coffee stall" was quite "refreshing," and the one spoon nearly worn out.

The next meeting will be held on the third Thursday in January, at 7.45 p.m., when Mr. J. G. Winder will give a talk on "Modern Methods of Interior Decoration."

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WHERE ROAD CASUALTIES ARE HIGHEST.

From Ministry of Transport returns for November it appears that more casualties occurred from accidents on speed-limit roads than on non-speed-limit roads. The number of people killed on the roads during the month was 556, of which 352 were brought about by accidents on roads subject to

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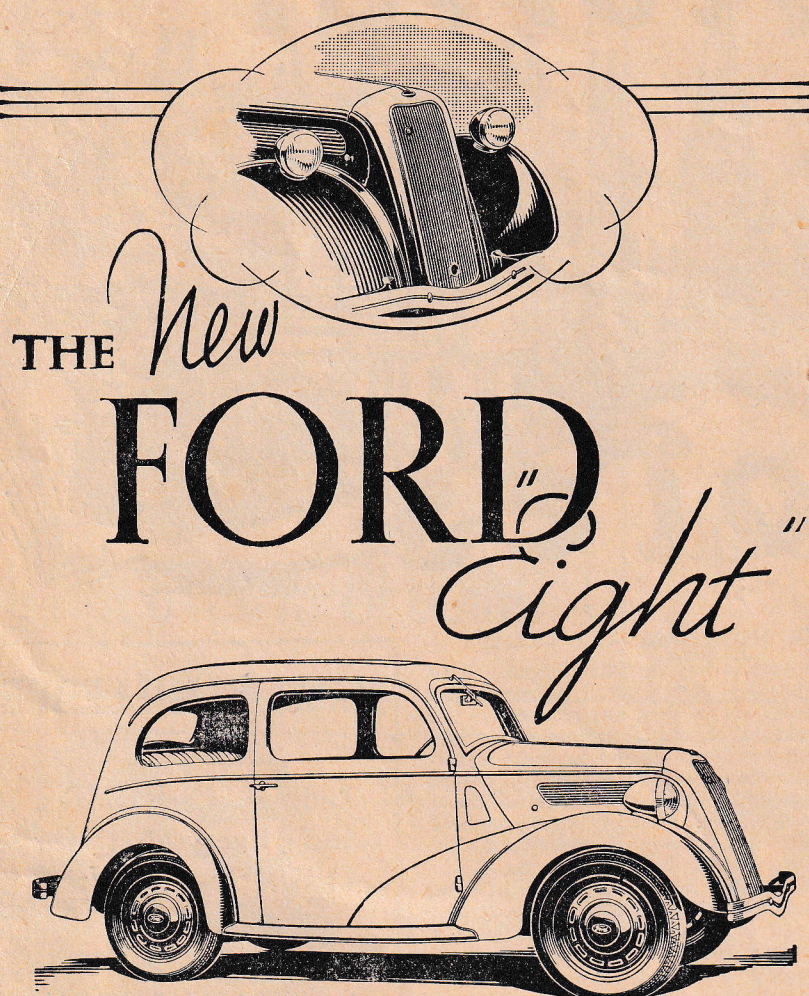
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a speed-limit. Of 256 pedestrians who were killed in November, 207 met their deaths on speed-limit roads, and 4,057 out of 5,080 injured pedal cyclists met with their accidents on the same class of roads.

The number of killed and injured persons on the roads, however, was lower for November, 1937, than it was for November, 1936. In November, 1936, 639 persons were killed as compared with 556 in November, 1937, a decrease of 83, and 18,352 persons were injured in November, 1936, as compared with 17,691 in November, 1937, a decrease of 661.

For the eleven months ending November 30th, 1937, the total number of deaths was 5,995, an increase of 128 on the previous year, and the total number of injured for the same period was 207,956, a decrease of 1,413. During the period under review, 2,649 pedestrians were killed or died of accidents, and 66,347 were injured. In both cases the number was a decrease on the previous year's, the deaths being 26 and the injured 930 fewer.

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THIS JOURNAL DOES NOT LIGHT FIRES!

The above is an unsolicited slogan given to me the other day by the manager of one of the foremost shops in Horsham. He gave me a pleasant unsolicited testimonial. "I consider," he said, "the Journal is one of the best advertising mediums in the town. It has a large circulation, and it is a paper which many people like to read. It is not quickly thrown away, or used to light fires, but put carefully aside to be read at leisure. In this way the advertisements, as well as the reading matter, are no doubt thoroughly perused by a good number of people.

That, I think I may say without exaggeration, is an opinion which is shared by many prominent tradesmen in Horsham. That is why, as time goes on, more and more people trading in the town find it a good thing to advertise in this Journal. And that is why it will be difficult very soon to get an advertising space reserved in this paper. Advertisers, and particularly members of the Horsham and District Chamber of Trade, are advised to make early inquiry as to available space. The cost is not prohibitive, and many tradesmen have found that an advertisement in the Horsham Journal has proved a good investment.

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LIGHTEN OUR DARKNESS.

The Electricity Department of the Horsham Urban District Council has rightly earned the congratulations and applaud which have recently been freely given with regard to the improved lighting conditions in different parts of the town, particularly in King's Road and East Street. Early in November, East Street on a Sunday evening, and on any other moonless night when the

shop lights had been put out, resembled a tunnel. Then one evening the street was delightfully lit up by effective electric lamps suspended overhead in the middle of the street. King's Road has been treated in the same way, and now it is a pleasure to traverse either of these roads at night.

"Yes, it is nice," said a resident in one of the new houses in Compton's Lane (St. Leonard's Road end). "But I wish they would give us a lamp or two in Grub Street and at the top end of Depôt Road. Coming into the town from Compton's Lane via Grub Street on a dark night is a trial which many of us don't care to undertake very often."

Well, well! No doubt there are several other outlying districts which need some improved lighting as well. But all these things take time. In due course, no doubt, these defects will be remedied. In the meantime, they serve to remind us how true is the well-known saying, "So much to do, so little done!" It may be true to say that at the present time we are still in the infancy, as it were, of the many improvements which are necessary to make Horsham and the surrounding district a little Arcadia. But it is also true to say that much has been done in that direction, much is being done, and much, oh much more, will be done.

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ANOTHER GREAT IMPROVEMENT.

Writing of electricity reminds me of the many alterations and improvements which are being carried out in connection with the electrifying of the railway lines from Three Bridges Station to Horsham, and from Horsham to Littlehampton and Bognor Regis. The Horsham railway station is already in the throes of rebuilding, and as everybody knows, the electric cables being laid down are well on their way to Littlehampton and Bognor Regis.

I understand that plans have been submitted to the Horsham Urban District Council of an entirely new railway station to replace the existing station. The total cost will exceed £100,000, and the work will comprise the erection of a new bridge, new main fast lines, loop lines, &c. A proposal has been made by the Southern Railway Company that a member of the Engineering Department should explain to the people of Horsham the exact nature of the great alterations to be made, and it is hoped that a Public Meeting arranged jointly by the Horsham Urban Council and the Horsham and District Chamber of Trade will be held for this purpose early in the New Year.

The new electric services are due to begin in July next, but in the meantime the tremendous work involved is having the effect of causing delays in the running of trains over the lines affected. The Southern Railway Co. has issued a pamphlet in which it points out these difficulties, and states that

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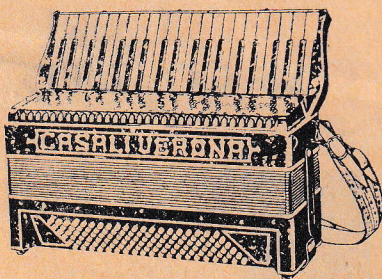
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A GREATER STRAIN.

"Electric trains," says the pamphlet, "by virtue of their quicker acceleration and deceleration and their frequency, exert a far greater strain on the permanent way, and particularly on the bridges *en route*, than is the case with existing steam trains. It is therefore necessary to carry out extensive re-laying work on the track and to strengthen certain bridges prior to the introduction of the much improved service which will be provided under electric traction. Much required major alterations to the permanent way are being carried out at Dorking North, Horsham, Pulborough, Arundel and Chichester. In the case of Horsham, the alterations involve practically re-modelling the whole of the station."

"In addition, the raising of tracks over bridges between Littlehampton and Ford, the re-modelling of the stations at Littlehampton, Bognor Regis and Barnham, the re-building of the bridge over the River Arun at Ford, and the strengthening of the South Stoke bridge near Amberley, are all having their repercussions on the traffic passing over the Mid-Sussex Line."

"The new lines to be electrified involve 76 route miles, and are costing nearly £3,000,000."

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A DIRE TRAGEDY.

A tragedy which appalled everyone marred the early part of December in Slinfold. Early in the morning of Saturday, December 4th, a fire was discovered raging in the house in which Mr. Hubert Picton, of Churchyard Cottages, Slinfold, was living. The Cranleigh Fire Brigade was summoned as quickly as possible, and arrived in twenty minutes, but by that time the interior of the house was an inferno of flames. During the period of quelling the flames, Mr. Picton could not be discovered anywhere, but when the fire had been extinguished sufficiently to permit the firemen to enter the house, his dead body was found in the living room, charred so much as to be unrecognisable. The cause of the fire, and the means by which the unfortunate victim met his death, could not be discovered, and an open verdict was returned at the inquest.

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POOR FATHER!

Someone was telling me the other day that at a certain college both masters and pupils hold fathers, as such, in very poor esteem. A master, checking examination papers, wrote on the effort of one pupil: "Very poor; will make a good father."

This reminds me of a story I heard recently of a woman who, hearing a hullabaloo along the road, ran out to see what was the matter. "Good gracious," she said to her son, who was standing at the front gate watching the

proceedings with interest, "those men are fighting. And look, one of them has been knocked down." "Don't get excited," said the son, laconically, "it's only father."

In songs we find that mothers are almost invariably the subject of sentimentality and reverence. "I love the dear silver that shines in your hair," runs the chorus of "Mother McCrae"; and in "Way Down in Dixieland," the singer declares that—

"The roses round the door,
Make me love mother more."

Father, however, is almost as certainly ridiculed. "Father, father, what's the matter with you? No one seems to care at all about you!" runs one pre-war song. While I suppose everyone knows and sings with relish—"What's the matter with father?"

That is what I want to find out. What is the matter with poor old father?"

The Barrack Fields.

Most people at Horsham know the Barrack Fields. They are so called after the Barracks erected there at the time of the Napoleonic Wars.

In the Sussex County Magazine for this month (January) the first of a series of articles on the Barracks and their twenty years' military occupation is given by Mr. W. Albery. This includes a ground plan and a description of the buildings; a list of the regiments entering and leaving; extracts from the Parish Registers concerning them; an account of their marchings and counter-marchings; of the panic caused by the threatened French invasion; the preparations made to meet it; the very questionable behaviour and antics of some of the soldiers; their ways of self-entertainment whilst waiting for "Boney"; and the huge beacon fires made all over Sussex. These and other interesting particulars combine to give an idea of the alarm and excitement that marked the period dealt with.

The Horsham Museum Society.

The above-named Society, under the direction of Mr. F. Turner, assistant Curator, has undergone lately some re-arrangement and alterations in the display of some of its contents. Recent local gifts have increased the interest of the Museum. They include two pairs of ember tongs from Mr. Every, Lewes; two old flails from Mr. T. Baker; the old Gaol keys and chain recently found in Chesworth Lane, from the Horsham Urban District Council; drawing of the old cottages in the Churchyard from Mr. Slyfield; an old rushlight holder from Mr. Atkinson; an old sash fitting from Mr. R. Redford; some coins from Mr. C. B. Torond.

The Society will be very glad to receive further gifts, especially those of a local nature.

Hospital Scheme Forges Ahead.

By F. W. NEW, *Hon. Secretary.*

This Scheme is now engaged in a strong forward movement to secure additional members and a larger income. The contribution has been raised to 3d. a week for persons over 21 years of age, and 2d. a week for persons from 16 to 21 years. In return the Scheme offers members free Hospital treatment, whether as in-patients or out-patients, and other benefits.

The following are typical examples of the benefits received by members:—

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- (b) Child dangerously ill. Conveyed to London Hospital by St. John Ambulance. Scheme paid all charges, including Ambulance.
- (c) Member attended Eye Hospital as out-patient on six occasions, and then became in-patient for some weeks. Scheme paid all charges.
- (d) Member's wife in London Hospital for 18 weeks. Scheme met Hospital charges.

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The backbone of the Scheme are the 200 Collectors, who do magnificent work collecting the weekly or monthly contributions. Without their services the Scheme could not be carried on.

The task of sending a leaflet to every householder in Horsham and the villages concerned has just been accomplished, and it may be as well if I state the needs of the Scheme quite simply:—

- (1) We want at least 1,000 new members now, and we hope all those who are eligible will join.
- (2) We ask employers to help us by encouraging their employees to join. In some towns employers give a penny for every threepence contributed by their workers.
- (3) We want parents to encourage their children to pay after reaching the age of 16.
- (4) We need more Collectors, and we appeal to those who have leisure to do a little collecting for us. Many members cannot collect. Their work keeps them occupied during the day.
- (5) We want members and others to remember that the first charge upon the fund is for Hospital service. All other expenditure must be kept as low as possible. For example, members should note that many schemes do not give any assistance towards the use of an ambulance as we do. But this charge on our funds has grown very considerably in the last year or so, and the Committee is anxious to reduce the cost in 1938.

But the Committee are optimistic as to the future. The Scheme is Horsham's own—built up by local effort for local needs. It is doing magnificent work for the Hospitals and for those who need the Hospitals' services.

As Hon. Secretary of the Scheme for 14½ years, I claim that the Committee and Collectors are the best of their kind. You can't let them down! So roll up the 1,000 new members!

THE TRADERS' PANEL.

By B. H. TRELFER.

It is surprising that such an important body as the Traders' Panel undoubtedly is, should be so little known, and frequently misunderstood by the general public; although reports of its proceedings have been published quarterly by the Press throughout the whole area of Kent, Surrey and Sussex, of which Panel the Horsham & District Chamber of Trade is a member.

The name Traders' Panel is the official name given to the organization by the Government in 1921, but its work is not confined to private traders, nor to Chambers of Commerce. Upon this Panel I have the honour to serve Horsham and district from a trader's point of view; there is also a representative for the Farmers' Union. The Council could also send a member should it so desire; Arundel, Brighton, Hastings and Worthing Corporations were all represented at the recent quarterly meeting.

These meetings, which are held at Victoria Station, are wonderfully interesting and instructive; but I must make it quite clear that there are a good number of items, happenings and disclosures made of which it would not be wise to make a publication. Therefore it naturally follows that without full publicity of all the facts, there is a suspicion in the minds of people that the meetings are all academic, with no material results arising; and I am afraid that this viewpoint will have to continue, as it would be very bad policy upon my part in a report of this nature in this important journal with its wide circulation, to make any statement upon any matter which is not definitely settled.

I am glad to be able to state that electric trains will be running to and from Horsham in July next, and that the plans for a new Horsham railway station have been passed and the work has already commenced.

The large signal-box now being erected at the north entrance to the station will be the only signal-box at Horsham, and will be fitted with all the up-to-date electric devices. The writer is given to understand that it will be possible, within a certain area, for the signaller actually to see the position of the trains approaching Horsham; therefore, notwithstanding the fact of a great acceleration in the service, which will prove so beneficial to passengers and the goods department, there should continue to be an absence of accidents, in which matter Horsham has been blessed for many years.

The new station entrance will face the town, with new platforms and loop-lines for the slower trains, and it will be necessary to lengthen the existing platforms. One can readily understand that to maintain, extend and accelerate the present system of trains during the time these extensive buildings and reconstructions are taking place, necessitates a wise and carefully thought-out plan of campaign. The particulars of this, which I was privileged to hear, prove that this matter has been wisely and widely discussed and determined upon by the Railway Authorities.

All this entails a vast expenditure, which amounts to well over a hundred thousand pounds. Naturally, in such a wide area as Kent, Surrey and Sussex, other towns, some with a larger population than Horsham, consider that we are "very lucky."

But one does not push forward for these benefits for the good of oneself alone; it is for the benefit of the whole community. Therefore the writer hopes that any person living in or using this district will send along any suggestions for improvement, both in goods and passenger traffic, as all matters now brought before the Panel receive a sympathetic hearing.

In conclusion, I would like to place on record that Horsham is wonderfully well served by the Station Master and his happy staff; also the courteous service given by the Goods officials and their men could not be improved in any way.

Memories of OLD HORSHAM.

Related by BERNARD LINTOTT.

Editor's Note.—Mr. Bernard Lintott, of 11, Carfax, is a member of an old Horsham family. His father and his grandfather carried on in the Carfax the business of Wholesale Produce Merchants which has been in existence for over 100 years. Mr. Lintott, who was born in 1865 at No. 14, Carfax, where are now the offices of Messrs. Coole & Haddock, solicitors, is therefore well qualified to speak of past Horsham. He carries in his mind a store of memories, and a few of these, recorded at a recent interview, are given here.

A very early recollection was watching from the nursery window the old fire brigade at practice. The fire station was situated in the premises in the Carfax where Messrs. Cook, Chart & Co.'s shop is now situated. At that time Captain Honeywood, a well-known figure, was in command of the brigade, and on drill nights he used to recruit as many onlookers as possible and get them to stand in two lines opposite the fire station. Buckets were then passed from hand to hand down one line, and returned along the other.

There was always a huge bonfire in the Carfax on the Fifth of November. It was built on the site where the bandstand is now, and on one occasion the heat of the fire was so intense that it scorched the paint on the shops opposite (those now occupied by Mrs. Faux, Mr. Venner and Mr. Oldershaw), and the fire brigade was called out.

The July Fair was also a great occasion. The Carfax was covered with booths, shows and gypsy vans. There was generally a fat woman on show in those days, and visitors were offered a bottle of wine if they could span round the calf of her enormous leg with two hands. There is no record of the prize having been won.

In early days much of the Carfax was covered with grass, on which gypsies encamped during the Fair. The bull-ring now enclosed by iron railings, was at that time on the open green. One morning, after a gypsy caravan

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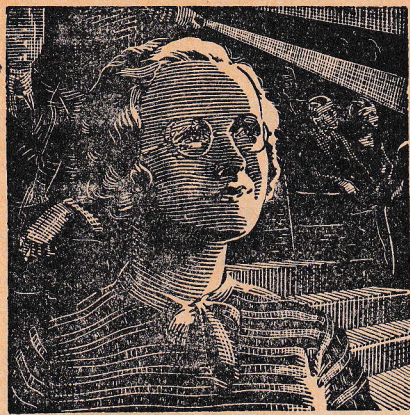
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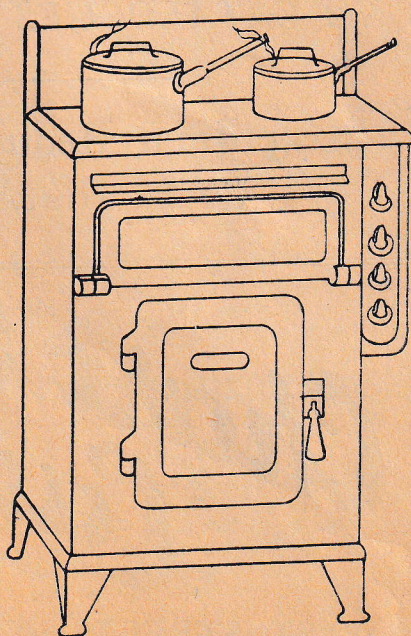
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which had encamped there had left, it was discovered that the bull-ring had disappeared. My father sent a man on horseback after the gypsies, who caught them near Billingshurst, and after some argument recovered the bull-ring.

It was in the Carfax that I had my first ride on a penny roundabout that was revolved by man-power.

The Post Office used to be in West Street, where Messrs. Cramp, Ltd., now have their jeweller's business. From there it went to the Carfax near the Carfax Café, and finally crossed over to its present position.

The end of the Post Office building, which is now the telephone exchange, was formerly the Horsham Club, and before that the Horsham Institute, where penny readings and dances were held.

On May Day children used to make garlands which, covered with a handkerchief, they took from house to house, lifting the covering for a penny.

My father used to tell the following story. In the early days of the nineteenth century, in my grandfather's time, the Town Hall stood on arches, with a large open space for a market underneath. Loads of stone were being carted from Stammerham for roofing a church in the eastern part of the county, and the last load was sometimes left in the Market Square and the horses stabled at the Anchor Hotel (now the National Provincial Bank premises).

One night, after the only constable in the town had gone to bed, the young bloods tried to get the waggon under the Town Hall arches. Finding it wouldn't go, they unloaded the stone, took off the waggon wheels, carted them under the arches, built up the waggon and loaded the stone.

The next morning, when the carter came to harness up his horses, there was no waggon. Finding it under the Town Hall, he put his horses to, but could not get it out, and the advice of the perpetrators who were out early did not help. Finally he had to unharness the horses, unload the stone, take off the wheels, and get the load out as it went in.

There was a bank clerk named Bawtree living in West Street, in rooms over the premises now occupied by Miss Pullen, next to the Swan Hotel. He was continually asking acquaintances to come to supper with him, at which oysters were to be the fare. He was not very popular, and this became a nuisance, so a night was arranged when a large party was to take him at his word.

In due course, they turned up one after the other, some bringing musical instruments. They ate and drank everything Bawtree had in his rooms, sent in to the Swan for more beer, and it was not till the early hours that he got rid of them. Then the two sacks of oyster shells that had been collected were emptied into the middle of West Street, and the word went round that

Bawtree had had his oyster supper at last. There being no sanitary carts collecting refuse in those days, the evidence of the supposed feast remained till ground into the street.

In my old Volunteering days, Arthur Bostock, brother of the late Dr. Edward Bostock, was a lieutenant in the Horsham Company. The Annual Camp was held in Arundel Park. After a battalion drill on one occasion, "E" Company was leading the battalion back to camp, and Arthur Bostock was on the right of the leading section of fours. The Company, with the Aldridges, the Potters and the Thorntons, were stepping up to Bostock and shouted, "Damn you, Bostock, why don't you run?"

Without turning a hair, Arthur Bostock put up his eyeglass, and the order rang out, "Company, Run!" but as far as I can remember the order was not obeyed.

On another occasion Arthur Bostock, who was a solicitor in Horsham, and also coroner, received a telegram while in camp asking him to hold an inquest. It was Inspection Day, so he replied that he would arrange it for the next day. Soon afterwards another telegram arrived, "You must come to-day, the body won't keep," to which he replied, "Bury the body." Coroners nowadays are more dutiful, I expect.

To conclude with a story against myself. We used to have a Church Parade once a year, and the Company assembled in the Carfax. It was a fine day and an admiring crowd watched the military spectacle. In telling off the Company after numbering, I gave the order, "Right half Company, trail arms." Nothing happened, and being annoyed I repeated the order in louder tones, when the Sergeant-Instructor came to my elbow and whispered, "They have no arms, sir!"

WHEN YOU ARE FORTY.

Even if you are busy you can keep fit.

By a Contributor.

The other day I sat in a railway carriage reading a physical culture paper.

"Physical culture!" said a friend. "Ah, that's something I should like to keep up. But nowadays I haven't the time. I'm up every morning at half-past six, and by the time I've dressed and had some breakfast, it's time to catch the train. Besides, I'm forty now, getting too old for that sort of thing."

"And getting too fat as well," I laughed. Still, of course, having very little time is the difficulty with many people, especially those who have to catch early trains, and who do not return until late in the evening. Then they feel too tired to do physical jerks.

As a matter of fact, that is my case.

I am forty, have to catch an early train, and do not return until half-past seven in the evening. What chance is there for me to do my daily dozen? Enthusiasm is one thing, performance is another. It is easy to tell me to get up ten minutes earlier, but during the cold, dark mornings of winter, half-past six is quite early enough, for me at least.

But I get in my little bit of physical training during the day. It is true it is nothing when compared with the strenuous efforts of our really enthusiastic physical culture men. But remember I am forty, and have a wife and family, so I have many other things to think of as well.

As a young man I was very keen on physical exercise, and I am very thankful that I was. Those 'jerks' which I used to do in by-gone years have, I believe, kept me fit and strong. But with marriage and the responsibilities that the married state brings, many things had to go, and one of those, unfortunately, was my physical training.

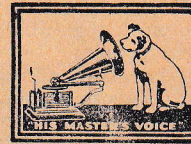
About five years ago I noticed that I was developing a "body-line." In other words, I was getting stout. My stomach, which in my young days was a slender affair of which I was proud, began to show a distinct curve. My neck has always been thick, but I had been spared a double chin. Then, however, a soft fatty lump began to develop under my chin, which rather vexed me. The muscles in my arms, until then hard and strong, began to grow soft. In short, I was approaching middle-age and experiencing the results of slackness.

Well, I soon returned to physical jerks. It was next to impossible for me to indulge in a system of prepared exercises with appliances, but I devised my own system, which I have found beneficial and which has reduced my waist line and partially thinned down my double chin.

Whenever it is possible I do my half-dozen on the back, legs raise, body raise. They have always been favourites, and I found they soon hardened the muscles spreading across the stomach. They were sufficient to prevent my corpulence increasing, but not to take it away. So I began what I call reflexing the stomach muscles, that is, tensing the muscles in and out. In, out; in, out; in, out. This was a great exercise.

It was not necessary to stand still to do it. In the morning, when I was moving about getting ready for the train, I practised the movement whenever I thought of it. Reflex: 1, 2; 1, 2; 1, 2; in, out; in, out; in, out. It was fine to feel my stomach going in to the place where it ought to have been permanently. On the way to the station I again reflexed whenever I thought of it.

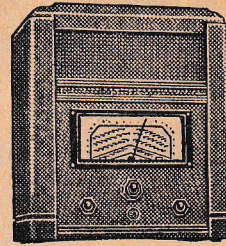
Then, at work, I found ways and means of completing my physical culture system. Whenever I had to lift a heavy article I made a feature of it. I would take the strain, lift and carry.



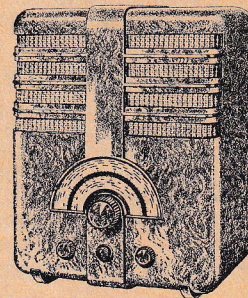
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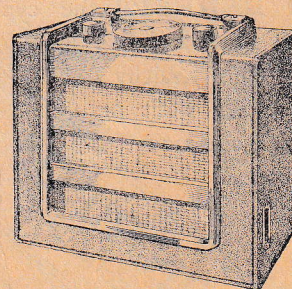
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I would put into it something more than just dragging up a heavy weight from the ground. It was great. It brought pleasure into work that would have been dull to other people.

In my work, also, I have to walk up and down stairs a lot. This is a tiring necessity which at one time often irritated me. Then I brought it into my system. I made a habit of walking up the stairs properly, on my toes. I walked down them properly, on my toes. Occasionally I would reflex my stomach. It was all good. It rejuvenated me, brought new life into a human system that had become jaded a little.

Again, in the evening, instead of straining my heart and making myself out of breath by rushing to the underground station to catch the next train home from Victoria, I decided to walk on fine evenings to the station. There was more than one train I could catch. So I began walking, using a good, smart pace that exercised my legs and brought me glowing to the terminus. After a while I began to feel more fit and cheerful.

Finally, the stomach-tensing idea brought other thoughts of exercising without dumb-bells or appliances. Stretching my arms above my head, I tensed my muscles and pulled downwards, as if pulling down a weight from the air. Then I did the same thing sideways, from the front and from the

ground. Properly done, they are all good exercises, and the great thing about them is that they can be carried out in almost any place where you are alone.

I have passed many a pleasant fifteen minutes with these exercises in a railway carriage in which I have been alone, and have felt all the better for them.

But best of all, my expanding waistline has returned almost to normal, my arms are reasonably hard again, I am fit and know the value of returning energy. If you can do this at forty, without injuring your heart or other organs, you have done something worth doing.

A Selection from a Horsham Miscellany of Facts, Events and Incidents relating to the Parish, Borough and Town of Horsham.

*Collected from various sources and
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W. ALBERY, Senior.

1785.

February 14th.—On Tuesday evening about half-past eight o'clock, a fire was discovered in the workshop of Mr. Scutt, saddler and flaxman, at Horsham. The roof of the building and a quantity of flax lodged in the upper floor were presently in flames, yet the timely and spirited exertions of the inhabitants almost miraculously precluded its communication with the lower apartments, where a quantity of oil, pitch and other combustibles were stowed. The evening was fortunately very calm; had the wind blown strongly from the north, the whole of the buildings in the part called the Butchers' Row would probably have been consumed. A smith's forge chimney running up against the side of the above building (which is entirely of wood) was the means by which the accident commenced.

March 21st.—Advertisement: Boarding School for Young Ladies. Mrs. Waller, of Horsham in Sussex, returns her sincere thanks to those parents of young ladies who have hitherto reposed in her the important trust of their children's education, morals, &c., &c.

May 23rd.—Besides the four fires which happened in this county in the course of last week, there was another happened near Horsham that we had not then heard of, in which one poor woman lost her life, having perished in the flames.

June.—Quarter Sessions at Horsham. The constables of the Borough of Horsham have presented, and we the Grand Jury do present William Sadler, John Grace, James Oakes, Robert Clark, Henry Cooper, Edward Lee, William Hammond, Henry Richardson, William Barnard, John Taylor, James Roberts, Richard Howes, Thomas Clark, and we do further present William Oakes,

William Mann, and Edward Aylward for turning hogs into the streets of the said Borough and are constantly a great nuisance to the inhabitants, and we believe if not prevented will endanger the lives of His Majesty's subjects travelling on the public roads, and we find nothing else presentable. Witness our hands.

Richard Grinstead.	Richard Linsur
John Pilfold.	Ralph Joanes.
Guildford Vinall.	Robert Grace.
Drew Michell.	John Champion.
William Scutt.	Charles Dendy.
Thomas Griffeth.	Henry Grace.
Thomas Plumer.	Thomas Bristow.
Henry Griffeth.	James Michell.
James Benson.	S. Sheppard.
John Lintott.	

September 5th.—The Prince of Wales on Friday last, in his way from Brighthelmston to Town, passed through Horsham, where His Royal Highness changed horses and afforded favourable opportunity to a great number of spectators who pressed round his carriage with eager anxiety to see him.

September 19th.—Yesterday Se'n-night the Right Hon. William Pitt in his way from Town to Brighthelmston came through Horsham, where he arrived about half-past 8 o'clock in the evening, which being previously known, occasioned a great number of persons to assemble about the Inn where he changed horses, who, on hearing Mr. Pitt order lights for his carriage, indulged themselves pretty freely in their ironic remarks on the falsity of his reputed propensity to darkness, which, however, the minister took in good part and often laughed heartily at (if we may be allowed the expression) their tragi-comical witticisms.

October 17th.—Wheat on Saturday last sold at Horsham from £9 10s. 0d. to £10 10s. 0d. the load, oats £1 1s. 0d. the quarter.

September 26th.—Last Tuesday morning a great part of the company at Brighthelmston assembled round the Steyne in expectation of seeing a foot race there between Major Hanger's black servant and one Scutt, a currier from Horsham, but after some time taken up in measuring out the ground, &c., the latter declared off, saying he would pay forfeit (10/6) unless he could by betting or otherwise increase the sum depending, being £1 to 20 guineas; but not being able to accomplish this, he stuck to his assertion and prevented the race, by which the company assembled appeared much disappointed, as both the parties had acquired some degree of fame as racers; their expectations, however, were not wholly defeated—a race being afterwards run between five girls for a new smock which afforded most excellent diversion, as did another female race for a hat.

November 28th.—On Monday last, the 21st inst., a great foot race was run on Fetcham Downs near Effingham in Surrey, between a journeyman tailor

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named Sherrard, of Greenwich, commonly called the "Greenwich Fly," and Seymour Scutt, son of Mr. Scutt, saddler and currier at Horsham in this county, for 80 guineas, which was won by the latter beating his adversary easily.

A few days since John Davey and William Hartley were committed to Horsham Gaol by Lord Sheffield, charged with breaking into the dwelling house of Peter Everist, of East Grinstead, and stealing thereout one greatcoat, a cloak and other articles of wearing apparel, the property of the said Peter Everist and his wife.

1786.

January 30th.—About 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening last, the house-keeper of Mr. Williamson at Horsham, thinking she heard a noise at the street door, went and opened it, when to her great surprise she found lying at the sill an infant about three weeks old, which she very properly took into her master's house, and being unable to find its parents delivered it to the parish officers, who have humanely put it to nurse and ordered proper care to be taken of it.

It is supposed the infant was placed at Mr. Williamson's door by its unnatural mother, some female tramp; that town and indeed the whole county having been of late much infested with persons of that description.

March 13th.—Last Thursday one Mrs. Willard, a widow woman at Southwater, fell into the fire and was burnt so miserably before anyone came to her assistance that she died the next day.

The same evening, as a man named Flint was crossing Knepp pond near Horsham, the ice broke under him and let him into the water, where he remained near three hours before he could be got out. He, however, did not receive any material hurt.

April 17th.—A labouring man at Horsham, by laying hold of a wooden corn roller which was fixed to the tail of a waggon then passing through the above town, was drawn under the same, which went over his head and crushed it so miserably that he died on the spot.

November 6th.—A few nights since, the shop of Mr. Muzzell, watchmaker, Horsham, was broken into and a pair of silver buckles stolen; the thief was disturbed.

1787.

January 24th.—Education for young ladies at Mrs. Dubbins's Boarding School at Horsham in Sussex. Young ladies are genteely boarded and carefully instructed in every kind of needlework, the English and French languages, writing and mathematics, at 14 guineas per annum, parlour boarders 16 guineas. Entrance 1 guinea. No boys admitted, nor any day scholars under 12s. per

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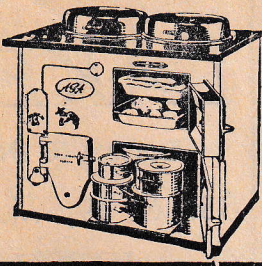
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quarter. The house is very large and commodious, being erected purposely for a school in a pleasant airy situation with good garden and playground behind, the whole unconnected with any other premises and in all respects calculated for health as well as pleasure. Music and dancing paid for separately.

February 26th.—A Mr. Burridge, of Horsham, was bit in the hand by a mad dog. He has gone to Worthing to bathe in the sea.

March 19th.—One Rowland, of Horsham, a noted informer against gin-shops.

April (?)—Quarter Session at Chichester. Henry Cooper and William Hammond presented for turning hogs into the public street of Horsham.

—Rowland, of Horsham, for assaulting his wife was conveyed to Petworth sessions in a cart. The roads were so bad that the cart broke down, and the prisoner in the confusion escaped. He was retaken at Rochester and conveyed thence to Petworth house of correction. The constable was five days away.

June 11th.—Horsham tradesmen had sign boards.

1788.

February 4th.—At Horsham the good effects of Sunday Schools have been for several months experienced.

February 11th.—Last Thursday morning one Samuel Thomas was found hanging in a hovel called Jews' Hovel at Horsham. Verdict: insanity.

February 25th.—On Saturday Fe'n-night Mr. Turner of Cripplegate, Southwater, was stopped on the highway and robbed of a £10 note and 16/- by two footpads.

September 10th.—A favourite way of robbery is to cut the portmanteaux from behind post-chaises and stage-coaches.

1789.

January.—Quarter Sessions at Midhurst. We present Robert Hurst, Esq., and James Weller, gentleman, Bailiffs of the Borough of Horsham, as presented by John Cragg and Daniel Sharpe, constables of the said Borough, for not carrying away the dirt and filth from one of the said streets of the said Borough called the West Street and Butchers' Row after the same was scraped up into lumps to remain in the same streets for several days, to wit, from the 14th to the 18th November, to the great danger and common nuisance not only to the inhabitants there residing, but also all other people of our Sovereign Lord the King in the said streets passing and re-passing.

March 2nd.—Boarding School at Horsham. Young gentlemen are grammatically educated in the Latin, French and English languages, writing, arithmetic, geometry, merchants' accounts, &c., by James Phillips, and proper assistant. Terms: 12 guineas per annum and 1 guinea entrance. N.B.—French or Latin, 4 guineas extra.

April 27th.—At the General Quarter Sessions held at Chichester, Mr. Thornton, comedian, obtained a licence empowering him to open a Theatre in Horsham, for 60 days from and after 1st June next.

May 4th (and April 27th and May 11th).—John Wickens leaves the "Crown" and goes to the "Anchor."

July 6th.—On Monday last a match at cricket was played on Horsham Common between the gentlemen of Horsham and Dorking, which terminated in favour of the former by near 190 notches.

W. Murrell has taken the "Crown," West Street, Horsham. (The "Crown Inn" at this time was at the south-east corner of West Street.)

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October 26th.—Horsham Assembly. The Assemblies at the Anchor Inn, Horsham, will commence on Tuesday, 3rd November, next.—John Wickens. (Assemblies were social evenings for dancing, concerts, &c., always held nearest the full moon.)

November 2nd.—Joseph Wheeler, the fortunate coachman who lately married his mistress of Hampstead, is a native of Horsham, to which place the happy couple lately came on a visit to Mr. Wheeler's relations, to whom they behaved with great liberality and politeness. About two years since, this favourite of fortune lived in the service

of Edward Carter, Esq., of Coolhurst, Horsham, from whence he went to Worthing or Littlehampton, where he acted in the capacity of a post-chaise driver, and in that situation actually captivated the amorous but antiquated widow to the no small discomfort of her relations and connections.

A few days ago, Mr. Scutt of Horsham was thrown down by an over-driven ox belonging to a butcher of that place, and so violently trampled upon by the enraged beast that he remained senseless a considerable time afterwards.

On Thursday another ox belonging to the same butcher, equally enraged and mischievous, ran about the streets of Horsham to the great terror of the inhabitants. A bricklayers' labourer that could not shift the beast was so gored by him that his life is thought to be in danger. A poor fellow who sells images was likewise thrown down but without receiving much hurt himself; but as for his figures, neither man, woman, nor child escaped the dreadful shock—some lost their heads, others had their legs and arms broken, and many were terribly bruised and defaced. The mangled bodies were immediately taken up and carried to the Italian hospital for cure.

Last Thursday night, as the post-boy was conveying the mail from Dorking to Horsham, having the care of a led horse which was blind, the one he rode fell down; this occasioned the blind horse to fall also and unfortunately upon the boy, whereby one of his legs was broken and his head much hurt. He lay a considerable time on the road until a gentleman came along in his carriage, who humanely took him up and carried him to Horsham.

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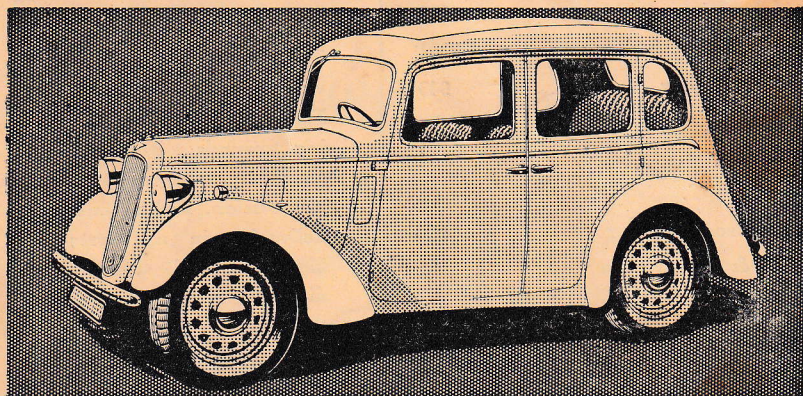
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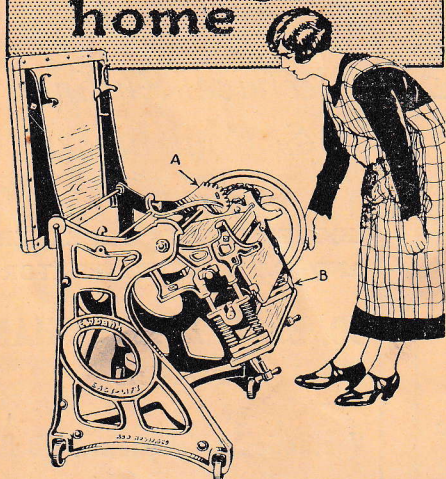
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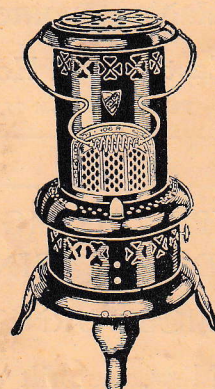
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